

VI. Rejoinder of Claims 20, 22, and 23

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin dependent claims 20, 22, and 23. During a telephone conference on September 13, 2006 between Applicants' representative and the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that previously withdrawn claims 20, 22, and 23, which depend from allowable independent claim 19, could be rejoined in the above-captioned application. Moreover, the Examiner requested that Applicants remove the "Withdrawn" status indicator from claims 20, 22, and 23 in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper, and replace it with the "Original" status indicator corresponding to those claims immediately prior to their withdrawal. Applicants have respectfully complied with the Examiner's request.